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Applicants : Rudolph Nobis et al. Confirmation No.: 2665
Appln. No. : 10/674,186
Filed : September 29, 2003
Title : HANDLE FOR ENDOSCOPIC DEVICE
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Commissioner for Patents
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RESPONSE TO NONFINAL REJECTION OF Aug. 22, 2006

Dear Sir:

Petition for 2 Month Extension of Time: The Commissioner is petitioned to grant a 2 month extension of time in the above identified application. Please charge the fee of \$450 and any other fee necessary to preserve the application to Deposit Account 10-0750/GSG/END5212.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2.

Remarks begin on Page 6.

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Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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